

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Thursday, June 9, 1955

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The Senate convened at 11:00 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, June 8, 1955.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President	Clarke	Houghton	Phillips
Baker	Connor	Johns	Pope
Barber	Douglas	Johnson	Rawls
Beall	Edwards	Kickliter	Rodgers
Black	Floyd	King	Rood
Bronson	Fraser	Melvin	Shands
Cabot	Gautier (28th)	Morgan	Stenstrom
Carlton	Getzen	Neblett	Stratton
Carraway	Hodges	Pearce	Tapper

—36.

A quorum present.

Senators Gautier (13th) and Morrow were excused from attendance upon the session.

The following Prayer was offered by the Senate Chaplain, Reverend E. E. Snow:

Our Heavenly Father, we know that Thou art not indifferent to what we do and say here. If there are those that are troubled and uncertain we pray that Thou wilt make plain what they are to do and not to do.

Help us to hear the voice of our Saviour saying to us today: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man will hear My voice and open the door I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with Me."

We open our minds and hearts to Thee this day. "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer."

Speak Thou to us, O Lord Jesus Christ, and say to us as Thou didst say to Thy disciples in the long ago: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In His Name we pray. Amen.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Senate daily Journal of Wednesday, June 8, 1955, was corrected and as corrected was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Tapper, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment, reported that the Committee had carefully considered the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3-X(55):

A Concurrent Resolution apportioning the representation of the State of Florida in the Senate of the State of Florida.

—and recommends that the same pass.

And the Concurrent Resolution contained in the preceding report was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Senator Tapper, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment, reported that the Committee had carefully considered the following Joint Resolution:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6-X(55):

A joint resolution proposing an amendment of Sections 1, 2 and 3, Article VII, of the State Constitution, relating to the membership of the Senate and House of Representatives and the apportionment of such members among the counties.

—and recommends that the same pass.

And the Joint Resolution contained in the preceding report was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Senator Tapper, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment, reported that the Committee had carefully considered the following Bills:

S. B. No. 1-X(55)—A bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation of the State of Florida in the Senate of the State of Florida.

S. B. No. 4-X(55)—A bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation of the State of Florida in the Senate of the State of Florida; providing effective date.

—and recommends that the same do not pass.

And the Bills contained in the preceding report were laid on the table.

Senator Shands announced that this day marks the 36th wedding anniversary of Senator and Mrs. B. C. Pearce and suggested congratulations be extended to them by the Senate body.

The President appointed Senators Shands, Carraway and Edwards as a Committee which escorted Senator and Mrs. Pearce to the rostrum where they were courteously received and congratulated on the occasion.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 9, 1955.

*The Honorable W. T. Davis,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

By Messrs. Papy of Monroe and Stewart of Okaloosa—

H. B. No. 4-X—A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the reapportionment of the membership of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Florida as required by the State Constitution; amending Section 10.03, Florida Statutes.

—and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Respectfully,

LAMAR BLEDSOE,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 4-X, contained in the above message, was read the first time by title only.

Senator Neblett moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 4-X be read the second time by title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 4-X was read the second time by title only.

Senator Neblett moved that the rules be further waived and House Bill No. 4-X be read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 4-X was read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 4-X the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—36.

Mr. President	Clarke	Houghton	Phillips
Baker	Connor	Johns	Pope
Barber	Douglas	Johnson	Rawls
Beall	Edwards	Kicklitter	Rodgers
Black	Floyd	King	Rood
Bronson	Fraser	Melvin	Shands
Cabot	Gautier (28th)	Morgan	Stenstrom
Carlton	Getzen	Neblett	Stratton
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Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 4-X passed, title as stated, and the action of the Senate was ordered certified to the House of Representatives immediately, by waiver of the rule.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3-X(55) and Senate Joint Resolution No. 6-X(55) were taken up in their order and the consideration thereof was informally passed.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate recess until 2:30 o'clock, P. M., this day.

Which was agreed to and the Senate took a recess at 11:22 o'clock A. M., until 2:30 o'clock P. M., this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 2:30 o'clock P. M., pursuant to recess order.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President	Connor	Johns	Rawls
Baker	Douglas	Johnson	Rodgers
Barber	Edwards	King	Rood
Beall	Floyd	Melvin	Shands
Black	Fraser	Morgan	Stenstrom
Bronson	Gautier (28th)	Morrow	Stratton
Cabot	Gautier (13th)	Neblett	Tapper
Carlton	Getzen	Pearce	
Carraway	Hodges	Phillips	
Clarke	Houghton	Pope	

—37.

A quorum present.

Senator Kicklitter was excused from attendance upon the Session.

Senator Melvin moved that the rules be waived and the Senate revert to the introduction of Bills.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

By Senator Carraway—

S. B. No. 8-X(55)—A bill to be entitled An Act to apportion the representation of the State of Florida in the Senate and in the House of Representatives of the State of Florida; amending Sections 10.01 and 10.03, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date November 6, 1956.

Which was read the first time by title only and referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

Senator Melvin moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned at 2:50 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Friday, June 10, 1955.